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FCC Mail Room

June 11, 2012

Office of the Secretary

Federal Communications Commission

Attention: Disability Rights Office, Room 3-B431

445 12th Street, SW

Washington, DC 20554

Case Identifier: CGB-CC-0899

RE: Affirmation that Information in Pending Captioning Exemption Petition is Accurate and Current

Dear Office of the Secretary:

I hereby affirm that the information in Tuscarora Multimedia's pending captioning exemption petition is accurate and up-to-date. Enclosed are an original and two(2) copies of our filing.

Also enclosed is a letter dated June 16, 2009 from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) acknowledging having received our filing as well as the first-page date stamped by the FCC Mail Room.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Pietsch

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President/Producer

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June 3, 2009

Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Attention: CGB Room 3-B431 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM FCC CLOSED CAPTIONING RULES

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Tuscarora Multimedia submits this petition requesting exemption from the closed captioning requirements under FCC rules. Tuscarora Multimedia believes that our program, the Cheryl Peach Gospel Show, qualifies for this exemption for the reasons given below.

The Cheryl Peach Gospel Show is a locally-produced and distributed non-news program with no repeat value. The program is of local public interest, is not a news program, and the "electronic news room" technique of captioning is unavailable.

Compliance would impose an undue burden on Tuscarora Multimedia and the Cheryl Peach Gospel Show for the following reasons:

- (1) Since Tuscarora Multimedia does not have "closed captioning" equipment, it would be necessary to send each episode of the program to an outside paid source for closed captioning. This would severely impact production costs thereby making production of the television program unaffordable. Tuscarora Multimedia would have to cancel plans to broadcast the Cheryl Peach Gospel Show and cease television production for this program.
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An affidavit showing the unaffordable cost is hereto attached and labeled EXHIBIT "A".

We respectfully request that Cheryl Peach Gospel Show be exempted by the FCC from the closed captioning requirement for the above stated reasons.

Sincerely,

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Exhibit "A"

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Franklin County

- 1. Introduction. Being duly sworn, Benjamin Pietsch, deposes and says that adding closed captioning to the Cheryl Peach Gospel Show would cause an undue burden which would make video production for this program unaffordable.
- 2. Description of Deponent. I am the Owner of Tuscarora Multimedia, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and qualified to do business under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with its principal offices at 1626 Majestic Drive, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania 17202.
- 3. Statement of Fact. Tuscarora Multimedia regularly engages in television production. We provide free production services for the Cheryl Peach Gospel Show using equipment that we already own, and with free labor provided by volunteers. Since we do not own closed captioning equipment and none of our volunteers have experience doing closed captioning, we would be required to hire an outside production company to add "closed captioning" for the Cheryl Peach Gospel Show for broadcast on television. We are knowledgeable about the procedures and the costs associated with such production. The cost to add closed captioning to the television program known as the Cheryl Peach Gospel Show would be approximately \$640.00 per program.

To the best of my knowledge, these facts are a true representation of the costs associated with the production of closed captioning for the aforementioned program.

Benjamin Pietsch, President/Producer

Deponent

Sworn before me this the 3rd day of June, 2009.

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA** 

Notarial Seal Noelle Ott, Notary Public Hamilton Twp., Franklin County My Commission Expires Apr. 8, 2010

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